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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Paul A. Wee, Church of the Reformation, ELCA, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us pray.

O God, we give You thanks for this night past and for this new day. Fill it, we pray, with the presence of Your spirit that all we do and say may be pleasing in Your sight.

Inspire within us compassion for all those in want this day in this city, this Nation, and this world. Keep before our eyes a burning vision of the Shalom that binds in one the human family throughout this world. We especially ask Your blessing upon the States from which we come and upon the District of Columbia in which we gather.

May the hospitality shown to each of us here be reflected in the way in which we welcome the stranger in our midst. Give us above all this day a passion for justice and a spirit of joy in Your service.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BEREUTER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1501. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes.

H.R. 2561. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2605. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 1501) "An Act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HATCH, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KENNEDY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DURBIN, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 305. An act to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry.

S. 918. An act to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small businesses, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disagrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 507) "An Act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes," agrees to a conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mrs. BOXER, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, July 28, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington,
DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 28, 1999 at 10:10 a.m., that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 66.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes on each side.

RESPONSIBLE GAMING EDUCATION
WEEK

(Mr. Gibbons asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we should always be encouraged when the private sector tackles one of the social problems facing our Nation without government help.

Such is the case with our Nation's gaming industry. However, it should also be important to recall that a vast majority of Americans who choose to gamble do so responsibly.

In an effort to emphasize the casino gaming entertainment industry's commitment to responsible gaming, August 2 to August 6 has been designated as "responsible gaming education week."

This campaign follows last year's inaugural implementation of this successful program. The idea is designed to raise the awareness of persons with disordered gaming habits and to further educate casino employees and customers about the importance of responsible gaming.

During this week, all casino employees will be asked to actively promote and institute responsible gaming practices within their companies. As a part of this effort, over 250,000 educational brochures on the characteristics of disordered gambling and the importance of responsible gaming will be provided to casino employees across America.

Mr. Speaker, obviously the gaming industry is taking positive steps to improve the gaming entertainment opportunities by helping those with addictive problems.

EYES WIDE SHUT

(Mr. CUMMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, when I think of the manner in which the GOP tax cut legislation was drafted, the title of the movie "Eyes Wide Shut" comes to mind.

Still, this is no sultry suspense film. In this horror, we will only find a terrible plot that sacrifices Medicare and Social Security and steals \$112 billion away from school construction.

The stars of this movie, the House Republicans, act with a level of irresponsibility that automatically comes from doing anything with your eyes shut. With such blocked vision, it is hard to believe that they have a clear view of the problems or their solutions.

Beyond all the hype, the GOP tax cut is hardly a masterpiece. It is poorly directed, horribly produced, and the Republican actors demonstrate a sophomoric concern for people of our country.

I can only hope that their vision will go from wide shut to wide open and that we will ultimately be able to fulfill our duty of fiscal responsibility and public service to the American people.

LOOK OUT AMERICA, BIG BROTHER
MAY BE WATCHING AGAIN

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, hold on to our floppy disks. The Clinton administration, everybody's favorite Big Brother, may soon be following our computers' every move.

According to the New York Times, administration officials are contemplating the creation of an extensive computer monitoring system overseen by the FBI and the GSA that will have the capability of collecting data from computer networks all across this country.

This news should send a chill up the spine of anybody who has followed this administration's actions on privacy issues. Remember, these are the folks who want each and every American to have a special identification number so that their medical records could be tracked by the Federal Government.

These are the folks who wanted to collect a host of personal information about the millions of Americans who receive in-home care from Medicare. These are the folks who wanted to give the FBI the authority to wire tap one out of every 100 phones in this country.

So when they start talking about computer security, be wary. Let us keep their hands off our e-mail.

REPUBLICAN TAX BILL

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Republicans keep saying that the money in the budget surplus belongs to the

American people, falsely implying that we Democrats disagree with that.

For the record, we do not disagree. The surplus belongs to the American people. They are the ones who have paid for it. They are the ones who worked for it. That is why we are listening to the American people, who are telling us that their values is to use the surplus to pay down the national debt and to save Social Security and Medicare.

Republicans, on the other hand, are listening to all the special interests and high-priced Washington lobbyists, who are telling them to waste the surplus on a trillion dollar tax giveaway.

So, Mr. Speaker, actions speak louder than words. It is we Democrats who are listening to the voices and values of America's working families. Because we know this Government does belong to them and they are demanding that we exercise some real fiscal discipline, pay down the national debt, and extend the life of Social Security and Medicare. Democrats are committed to doing that.

If the Republicans really believed the surplus belongs to the American people, they would listen to the voices of those people.

POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS
OF CONSCIENCE IN CUBA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, while many may turn a blind eye to the reality that plagues the Cuban people, Amnesty International does not. It monitors and advocates on behalf of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in the island of Cuba.

A recent case is that of political activist and human rights dissident Nestor Rodriguez Lobaina, who was arbitrarily arrested again on July 11 of this year solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

His whereabouts now? Unknown.

The prisoner of conscience Marta Beatriz Roque, who was sentenced by Castro's kangaroo courts earlier this year after languishing for close to 2 years in a squalid jail cell for exercising her human rights and civil liberties, was severely punished by the regime on July 16 for refusing to eat and staying mute in a silent protest for the unjust incarceration that she is subjected to.

These examples of the Cuban dictatorship's cruelties are grave and numerous. Other countries may wish to ignore them. However, the U.S. Congress cannot and indeed we must not.

HINCKLEY SHOULD GO TO JAIL
AND WE SHOULD THROW AWAY
THE KEYS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, John Hinckley shot President Reagan, James Brady, and two security guards with intent to kill. Hinckley also planned to kill President Carter.

Deemed insane, Hinckley was put in the hospital. And now that hospital says Hinckley has regained his health, he is no longer insane, and he should be entitled to and they are granting him "supervised leave." And the Government will not appeal it.

Unbelievable.

What is next, Mr. Speaker? White House tours? Disney World?

Beam me up. Hinckley should go to jail. We should throw away the keys. An America that tolerates assassins like Hinckley is an America that will have more assassins like John Hinckley.

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

(Mr. SCHAFFER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, last week Presidential contender and self-proclaimed environmental guru, Vice President AL GORE, treated himself to what amounted to a \$7.1 million taxpayer-funded and environmentally reckless canoe trip down the Connecticut River in New Hampshire.

While on a campaign swing through the first-in-the-Nation primary State, the VP decided to demonstrate his environmental prowess for the cameras by floating four miles downstream and then climbing ashore with a \$100,000 Federal grant check for the local water commission.

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Unfortunately, GORE and his handlers determined too late the low water level on the river might not fully float GORE's boat, thereby presenting a potentially embarrassing political moment to the campaign flotilla. Rather than forgo the photo opportunity, the local water commission, yes, the same group that received the check, was persuaded to release 4 billion gallons of captured water down the river for the 35 minutes GORE was afloat. Water usage cost to release the 4 billion gallons: \$7.1 million.

This was not the first time. They did the same thing in Colorado in 1996 at the Chatfield Reservoir. In either case while farmers pay a premium for reliable water supplies, the Vice President spends their money like water.

Mr. Speaker, as they say over in the White House, "Whatever makes your boat float."

REJECT THE MASSIVELY IRRESPONSIBLE REPUBLICAN TAX BILL

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call on this Congress to reverse course and pass fiscally responsible legislation to provide targeted tax relief for America's families.

Mr. Speaker, the people of North Carolina sent me to this House to work to put our Nation's fiscal house in order, honor our values and invest in our future. Last Congress, I proudly voted to balance the Federal budget for the first time in a generation and I continue to support fiscally responsible tax relief for middle-class families.

But the tax bill the Republican leadership rammed through this House last week is a massively irresponsible gamble with our Nation's future and our economic prosperity. The Republican bill would cripple our ability to save Social Security and Medicare for our Nation's seniors and would prevent us from making needed investments in better education for our children.

Mr. Speaker, the first bill I introduced as a Member of this House cut the inheritance tax for small businesses and small families. This year I have written and introduced, cosponsored by 90 Members, a bill to provide Federal tax credits for local school construction. I strongly support paying down the national debt and providing responsible tax relief for our families. The Republican bill would hurt the middle class and return us to the days of out-of-control deficits and skyrocketing inflation.

INTRODUCTION OF KOSOVO BURDENSARING RESOLUTION

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member is today introducing a House Resolution titled the Kosovo Burdensharing Resolution. Since the United States bore the disproportionately large share of the cost of the air war against Yugoslavia, my resolution expresses the sense of the House that the United States should pay no more than 18 percent of the aggregate total costs associated with the military air operations, reconstruction in Kosovo, and in Yugoslavia when Milosevic no longer controls the governments of Serbia or Yugoslavia or the Socialist Party, except there is no limitation against Montenegro. This limitation on burdensharing is consistent with the earlier statements by the President, but we need to remind him and reinforce his bargaining power on burdensharing when he negotiates with the European and other allied countries.

This resolution is particularly timely as President Clinton leaves today for the Balkans Reconstruction Conference on Friday in Sarajevo. The resolution also recognizes that Macedonia and Albania bore a significant economic and refugee burden and that these roles should make them priority recipients of aid.

Members should contact my office today if they wish to be an original cosponsor.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have a saying in Texas, "If it's not broke, don't fix it." Well, our health care delivery system by HMOs is broken.

According to the day if you read almost any newspaper, the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 87 percent of doctors said their patients had experienced denial of coverage over the last 2 years; 79 percent had trouble getting approval for a certain drug they wanted to prescribe; 69 percent had trouble getting a diagnostic test approved; 52 percent had trouble getting patients referred to a specialist.

And now to bring you up to date, the Republican leadership announced their intention once again to bypass the committee process and take a managed care bill directly here to the floor. Once again they are starting down a road that ignores the American people. They are letting the HMOs write their own legislation. Once again they are writing a major piece of legislation in the Speaker's office without bipartisan support.

Another Texas saying we have, and I think it applies, is that they are letting the fox guard the chicken house. What we need is real HMO reform, not a fake or a fig leaf.

ADMINISTRATION FALLS SHORT ON VA FUNDING

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration proposed a dismal VA medical care budget earlier this year. It is shortchanging our veterans.

We have heard from VA officials that an additional \$1.1 billion is needed just to maintain current service levels.

Deep concerns regarding the administration's proposal for veterans' medical care led our Committee on Veterans' Affairs to call for an additional \$1.7 billion in funding for the upcoming fiscal year. The new funding being suggested by the Vice President over the weekend will not cover the needs of our veterans.

He proposed an additional \$900 million for medical care. But based upon the administration's own figures, the cost for pay increases and inflation alone will cost \$900 million.

The administration's budget fails to cover the costs of treating hepatitis C, a "silent epidemic" afflicting many veterans, and fails to cover the cost of emergency care.

Mr. Speaker, we need to provide for our veterans. It is a moral obligation.

SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY FIRST

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Social Security is the primary retirement system for the majority of retired Americans. It provides benefits to 33 million Americans of all ages and it keeps 12 million of them out of poverty.

The GOP Social Security approach is really an unreliable response that supports wealthy special interests. Why does the GOP want to undercut a sound economy with a tax scheme designed to benefit the few?

We must protect Social Security. This means less debt, lower interest costs, rising living standards, more money made available for seniors' priorities, and more security for Social Security.

The Republican tax cuts mean higher deficits, higher interest rates and lower economic growth. Their tax scheme would make it impossible to continue to pay down and eventually eliminate the debt we have by 2015 as proposed by our President.

My colleagues across the aisle would have us believe that their efforts are to support Social Security, but this is not so. Their tax cut does not cut it.

REPUBLICANS PUT PRIORITY ON SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, I would begin by reminding my friend from California that the Democrats controlled this Chamber for 40 years, and in that 40-year period, they put not one penny into the Social Security trust fund. They used the Social Security trust fund for government spending programs.

Now, for the first time in 40 years, Republicans are in control of the Chamber. We campaigned on a tax cut for working families after we protected Social Security, after we protected Medicare. Because of Republican spending priorities, we now have for the first time since Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon a surplus economy. That did not come from liberal profligate spending. That came from Republican proposals that put a priority on Social Security, put a priority on Medicare, put a priority on jobs and put a priority on protecting the paychecks of working families in this country.

That is what Americans voted for in 1994, in 1996 and 1998. As we approach the year 2000, Mr. Speaker, we are going to give them that opportunity again.

CHINA

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago, the Communist Chinese government once again had its way with this Congress when this body voted trading privileges for perhaps the most repressive, corrupt regime in the world. American CEOs and Washington attorneys again had their way with Congress even though we have a trade deficit with China of \$65 billion and growing annually.

Beijing and its Communist Party leaders again had their way with this Congress this week even though this Communist Chinese government supports forced abortions, persecution of Christians and Muslims, sale of nuclear technology to Pakistan, child labor and slave labor.

But there was good news, Mr. Speaker, in the vote this week. The vote was closer than it had been in many, many years. Members of this body are beginning to understand and beginning to show that they care about human rights, care about nuclear proliferation, and care about democracy in China.

All of us need to demand that China enter the family of nations before they enter the World Trade Organization.

WICHITA NAMED ALL-AMERICAN CITY

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, some people think all the wise and good people are inside the Washington Beltway, but, of course, that is not right as each and every day ordinary people in communities all across this great Nation join together to do extraordinary things.

The City of Wichita, Kansas, led by its outstanding mayor and my friend, Bob Knight, was recently named an All-American City by the National Civic League. This is a great honor and one worthy of mention here on the floor of the People's House.

The three programs the city of Wichita submitted in its winning All-American City application are Wichita's Promise: The Alliance for Youth; Wichita Independent Neighborhoods; and the Cessna 21st Street Learning and Work Campus.

These programs are volunteer driven and do the hard work and sometimes thankless work of making our Nation better by making our communities better, one at a time. I want to publicly thank everyone associated with each of these organizations because, thanks to you, Wichita is an All-American City and America is a better place to live.

SALUTE TO LANCE ARMSTRONG, WINNER OF TOUR DE FRANCE

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, we have again seen the face of courage. It is Lance Armstrong's.

Lying in his hospital bed just 3 years ago, Mr. Armstrong was fired by his French bicycle racing team. He suffered from testicular cancer and was given less than a 40 percent chance of survival.

He underwent two operations and 12 weeks of chemotherapy, but he refused to succumb and now has prevailed by winning the Tour de France last Sunday.

Lance Armstrong was not alone on this long journey back. The one team willing to take a chance on Mr. Armstrong was sponsored by the United States Postal Service. The Postal Service deserves great credit.

This wonderful story reminds me of a poem by another American trailblazer, Amelia Earhart. She wrote:

Courage is the price that life extracts for granting peace.

The soul that knows it not knows no release from little things;

knows not the livid loneliness of fear, nor mountain heights where bitter joy can hear the sounds of wings.

Lance Armstrong knows both and inspires us all.

AGRICULTURE CRISIS

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, there is an ag crisis. The cause is excessive world production and lost markets that we counted on. The result has been reduced exports and disastrously low commodity prices.

Can the great economic engine of America continue to move on and up with the enormous agricultural engine pulling the other way? I doubt it.

On this issue, Congress has acted and must act again. We have done things to open new markets: The NTR vote this week, anti-embargo legislation which we passed in this House, unilateral sanction reform, tax reform, capital gains, estate tax, which are good for our farmers.

But when we come back from the recess, we are going to have to take up, if we have not already passed, the crop insurance reform bill, and we are going to have to deal with emergency lost market payments and adequate financing for our American farmers. Let us not forget this enormous part of our agricultural economy.

REPUBLICAN TAX BILL OUT OF STEP WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Ms. DeLAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, we have a projected Federal surplus, the first in three decades. We must be responsible. We must use that surplus so that it reflects our values as a people and as a Nation. Sadly, the Republican leadership would rather give whopping tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans.

Instead of reasonable tax relief targeted to working, middle-class families, the House Republican leadership passed a scheme that gives 65 percent of the benefit to the top 10 percent of Americans. Their plan does nothing to extend Social Security by a single day. It dedicates not one penny to strengthening Medicare. It forces deep cuts in education, crime fighting and national defense. These tax breaks for the wealthy are evidence that Republican values are out of step with the American people. I hope we will heed the advice of the Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan who warned that, and I quote, the time is not right for whopping tax breaks. I call upon cooler heads to prevail so that we can use this surplus to strengthen Medicare and Social Security to keep faith with our parents and with our children, give tax relief to middle-class families and reduce the Federal debt.

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REPUBLICAN PLAN PUTS FIRST THINGS FIRST

(Mr. HILL of Montana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL of Montana. Mr. Speaker, are tax cuts good for America? Should we have a fairer, simpler Tax Code? Should the excess taxes projected to be paid by the American people over the next 10 years be used as the President and the Democrats propose for massive new spending or should some of it be returned to the taxpayers?

The President says we should do first things first. Last fall, he said we should set aside 100 percent of Social Security for Social Security. But then he proposed a budget that said, no, let us just set 62 percent aside for Social Security and use the other 38 percent for new spending.

By putting spending over saving the President has put first things last. The Republican plan does put first things first. It starts by saying, let us hold the line on spending. Then it says 100 percent of Social Security for Social Security. Then it says, pay down the debt \$2 trillion and set aside 2 hundred billion for Medicare reform and a pharmacy benefit and then reform taxes with simpler, lower, fairer taxes for virtually every American.

This Republican plan is a good plan, it is the right plan for America.

VOTE AGAINST ATTACHMENTS TO D.C. APPROPRIATION

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues are about to have an out of body legislative experience. When the D.C. appropriation comes to the floor shortly, they will be asked to appropriate somebody else's money. Worse, a local budget that has no business here will become an excuse for attachments that are anathema to the people I represent.

In our Federalist system no action is regarded as more oppressive than national usurpation of local law. The Republic will not fall if my colleagues vote against these attachments. It will be weakened if they do what they would not stand for in their own districts and vote to tell local residents how they may spend their own local funds.

Please vote against the attachments to the D.C. appropriation.

WE NEED TAX REFORM NOW

(Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, last week I was proud to support the largest tax cut in a decade. It is one of the things that I was sent here to Congress to do. But as my colleagues know, Mr. Speaker, paging through this bill, all 500 pages of it, I was reminded again of how tax relief is not enough. Congress must do more. Congress must deliver tax reform and do it now.

Earlier this year I caught another glimpse of that need when a constituent of mine sent me some letters, a case that he is working on with the IRS. In his letters, he has letters from the IRS promising to get back to him on April 19, May 19, June 18, July 16, and most recently, August 16.

It is time to stop this bureaucratic run-around. It is time that we scrapped the IRS code and replaced it with a simpler, fairer code and a tax code that works for taxpayers, not the other way around.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN, A BLUEPRINT FOR FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I take the contrary view. The Republican tax bill is the new definition of fiscal irresponsibility.

We have a historic opportunity to pay down the national debt. But the Republican plan not only ignores debt retirement, it requires \$155 billion in

additional spending on interest on the national debt.

The party that says it loathes government spending proposes \$155 billion in extra spending, not on education, not on veterans health care, not on the environment, but on the Federal equivalent of a credit card service charge. Moreover, the Republicans refuse to extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare and instead give a huge tax break for the wealthy and special interests. They rejected the democratic plan that makes Social Security and Medicare the first priority.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's current and future retirees deserve more than that.

Finally, the Republican tax bill gives 65 percent of the tax breaks to the wealthiest 10 percent. The richest 10 percent do not have trouble paying for their children's education, their parents' long-term care, or their own health care premiums. Only the Democratic plan offers targeted class relief for the middle class.

A DIFFERENCE IN PHILOSOPHY

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring some truth back into this whole debate about our government surpluses. Here is what the Republican Congress has proposed: \$2 trillion toward reducing the national debt, far more than the President and the Democratic party has proposed; stopping the raid on the Social Security Trust Fund; putting \$200 billion into shoring up Medicare; and if after those goals are achieved, our constituents continue to pay their taxes, give hard-working American working families tax relief.

The Democrats' and the President's plan? Raid Social Security by the tune of \$341 billion, increase the national debt, do not put as much down to the national debt as we do, and keep all of the extra money in Washington. If Americans overpay their taxes, the President, and the Democrats want to spend the money.

The difference is not tax cuts or debt reduction; the difference is tax cuts or new spending on new Washington programs.

The President put it best when he said in Buffalo, New York to a packed crowd of 35,000 people:

"We could give you your money back, but we wouldn't be sure that you would spend it right."

Mr. Speaker, that is the difference. It is a difference in philosophy. We think people should get more of their own money after we start paying down debt, after we stop the raid on Social Security.

KEEPING PACE WITH MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to tell all of my colleagues about a brave 6½ year-old girl named Keeley Woodruff from Beaumont, Texas. Yesterday, Keeley braved Vagus Nerve Stimulator implant surgery to stop the more than 50 epileptic seizures that she has suffered daily since she was 1½ years old. Well, this stimulator has proved to be a safe and effective therapy for patients with severe epilepsy, but it has not been approved by the State of Texas for patients under 12 years old.

The bottom line is that costs associated with this life-changing procedure often are not covered.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the fast action and cooperation among a University of Texas medical branch physician; the manufacturer, Cyberonics; and Medicaid this procedure was allowed for Keeley. And thankfully her parents, Rob and Christi, informed me that she has only suffered two seizures since the surgery.

While Keeley's story has a happy ending, there are many other children who face the same situation, and very soon I will be in contact with Texas and Medicaid officials to see what can be done to approve this device for all children under 12 years old.

Mr. Speaker, we as Members of Congress must do all we can to make sure that medical policy keeps pace with medical technology.

REPUBLICAN TAX RELIEF

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Congress has reduced the debt by 51 billion this last year, by 102 billion as the sum that we will reduce the debt by this year. Over the next 10 years under the budget plan that we have put forward, we will reduce it by another \$2 trillion.

Now the question that we are actually debating is whether we should use \$1 out of every 4 of the surplus, of the budget surplus, in order to also give some tax relief, because as my colleagues know, what the Republicans want to do is to eliminate the marriage penalty and give a 10 percent reduction on tax rates as well as phase down the death tax and reduce the capital gains tax. The question is whether we will use this \$1 out of every 4 in the extra surplus to give this tax relief or whether the President and the administration is going to get its way and spend the additional dollars. They are not going to use it to pay down the debt; they want more social spending.

Mr. Speaker, to that end, let me just remind my colleagues we have a trigger that if the surplus starts to decline, we do not phase in our tax reductions.

So I wanted to make that point clear.

RESPONSIBLE TAX CUTS

(Mr. TURNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican tax cutting message is: "You can't trust the Congress," which the last time I checked, they were in the majority and controlled. Today they propose an irresponsible tax cut scheme that dedicates all of the on-budget surplus to a massive tax cut rather than doing the responsible thing and reducing the national debt, saving Social Security and Medicare.

Where have all the fiscal conservatives gone in the Republican party? I am shocked to hear some members of the Republican delegation here today say that they reduce the national debt more than Democrats. We just voted last week on a bill on the floor of this House where the Democrats said we are going to devote all of the Social Security surplus to Social Security and we are going to devote half of the on-budget surplus to debt reduction, 25 percent to reasonable tax cuts aimed at middle-income Americans and the other 25 percent for further tax reduction and to save Medicare and Social Security.

That is the responsible thing to do.

The Republican tax proposal simply gives only modest tax breaks to middle-income taxpayers. We propose a responsible tax cut that will benefit all Americans.

SUPPORT THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS FOR SENIORS ACT

(Mr. SHOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before the American people today to talk about the high costs of prescription drugs. I have had the opportunity to visit with many of my constituents to address this burdensome problem. Studies prove that senior citizens in Mississippi pay outrageous amounts of money for much needed prescription drugs. For an example, a Mrs. Bruce lives in Federation Towers in Clinton, Mississippi. She enjoyed all the freedoms that should come along with being a senior citizen until the cost of her prescription medicine forced her to move out of her house, into her home with her daughter. She pays \$200 a month for prescription medicine on a fixed income.

Mrs. Bruce told me that without her daughter she could not stay healthy. She wonders what happens to the other seniors in this country who do not have the family support that she does.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of any other issue that deserves being addressed more than the cost of medicine for our seniors. That is why I cosponsored the Prescription Drug Fairness Act for seniors. It is time to do right by our seniors and make them favorite

customers, just like the large HMOs in the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, folks like Mrs. Bruce need us.

A REPUBLICAN SHOPPING SPREE FOR THE RICH

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans are trying to ram through an \$800 billion tax bill. The Republican tax bill does nothing to save Social Security, nothing to preserve or protect Medicare and nothing to reduce our national debt. The Republican tax bill provides huge tax breaks for America's wealthiest people while providing pocket change for American working families. Tens of thousands for the rich, pennies for working men and women. This is the Republican way. That is not fair, that is not right, that is not just.

Mr. Speaker, we have a chance to finally put our economic house in order, to pay down our national collected credit card. Just when we are in a position to do what is right, the Republican want to go on a shopping spree. The American people and this Congress should do what is right. We should reject the Republican tax bill.

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SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN TAX PACKAGE

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Republican tax package. For all too many years, hard-working Americans have seen more and more of their money going to Washington, D.C., going to wasteful spending, going to programs that take the tax dollars that those hard-working Americans worked very hard to obtain, and squandering them on programs that do not achieve their directed purpose, but in many ways, make matters worse.

Now, we all support making sure that priority programs that help the poor, help the needy, help our senior citizens get the funding that they need. That is why this tax cut package protects all of the money in Social Security, sets aside the Social Security surplus for the first time. After more than 30 years of liberal Democrats spending the Social Security Trust Fund dollars, we, the Republicans, are setting that money aside. Then, in the end, we still have some money that we can return back to hard-working families in America.

Mr. Speaker, it is the right thing to do. If we leave the money in this town, it will get spent. We have to get the money out of this town in order to get it back in people's pockets.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE PETER T. KING, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable PETER T. KING, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 27, 1999.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House and I received a subpoena for documents and testimony issued by the superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

PETER T. KING.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT
ON H.R. 2465, MILITARY CON-
STRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 262 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 262

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2465) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, the Committee on Rules met and granted a rule for the conference report for H.R. 2465, the Fiscal Year 2000 Military Construction Appropriations Act. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, the United States military is clearly the best in the world. The young men and women in the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines are thoroughly dedicated and patriotic professionals, the best our Nation has to offer. So how do we reward them? We pay them with wages that are so low that many military families are forced to eat with food stamps, and we lodge them in substandard, World War

II housing. These, among other reasons, are why we are losing good men and women who stop serving their country because the hardships on their families are too great.

This is inexcusable, and Congress has been working hard to do something about it. This year we passed a 4.8 percent military pay raise, and with this bill, we will improve military housing.

H.R. 2465 provides \$747 million for new housing construction, and \$2.8 billion for the operation and improvement of existing housing. The bill also provides \$964 million for barracks and medical facilities for troops and their families. Finally, because of an increase in two-income and single-parent families, the bill provides \$21 million for child development centers.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 262 is a normal conference report rule for a good, non-controversial bill. I urge my colleagues to support this rule and to support the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I want to thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) for yielding me the time.

This rule waives all points of order for consideration against the conference report on H.R. 2465, which is the Military Construction Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2000. The bill basically funds construction projects on military bases, including barracks, housing for military families, laboratories, hospitals, training facilities, and other buildings that support our Armed Forces. The bill also funds activities necessary to carry out the last two rounds of base closings and realignments.

This conference report represents the most basic kind of compromise between the House and the Senate versions of the bill. The House bill funded \$8.5 billion in military construction, the Senate amount was \$8.3 billion, and the conferees split the difference, arriving at a total of around \$8.4 billion.

I am pleased that the bill contains \$43.6 million for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, which is partially in my district and partially in the 7th Congressional District of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON). Since the days of Orville Wright, the Dayton area has been our Nation's center of military aviation science. Two of the Wright-Patterson projects funded in the bill are laboratories that will maintain the base's world-class research facilities.

Once again, I commend the chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Construction, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON), who has done a great job; and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER), the ranking minority member, for his work on this bill. This is the first of the 13 appropriations bills to go through the House-Senate conference and reach this stage. It is a

testament to their skill that they have moved so quickly to complete House action on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the rule and of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2465, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2465,
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 262, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2465), making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 262, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of Tuesday, July 7, 1999 at page H6475.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON).

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The conference report we present to the House today for military construction, family housing and base closure recommends a total appropriation of \$8.4 billion. This represents a \$76 million decrease from last year. It is also \$76 million below the House-passed level.

Overall, the agreement recommends \$3.6 billion for items related to family housing, \$4.1 billion for military construction, and \$670 million for the implementation of base realignments and closures. As always, I want to express my appreciation to all of the members of the subcommittee and especially my ranking member the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER), for his cooperation in crafting this agreement.

This bill represents an investment and working conditions for our military personnel and their families. program that has significant payback in economic terms and better living

Mr. Speaker, at this time I will place in the RECORD documentation regarding this bill.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 2465)
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
Military construction, Army.....	865,726	656,003	1,223,405	1,067,422	1,042,033	+ 176,307
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	118,000					-118,000
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		659,536				
Total	983,726	1,315,539	1,223,405	1,067,422	1,042,033	+ 58,307
Military construction, Navy	602,593	319,786	968,862	884,883	901,531	+298,938
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	5,860					-5,860
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		502,812				
Total	608,453	822,598	968,862	884,883	901,531	+293,078
Military construction, Air Force.....	612,809	179,479	752,367	783,710	777,238	+ 164,429
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	29,200					-29,200
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		379,867				
Total	642,009	559,346	752,367	783,710	777,238	+ 135,229
Military construction, Defense-wide	551,114	193,005	755,718	770,690	593,615	+ 42,501
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		337,900				
Total	551,114	530,905	755,718	770,690	593,615	+ 42,501
Total, Active components	2,785,302	3,228,388	3,700,352	3,506,705	3,314,417	+529,115
Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund: Rescission (FY 1997, P.L. 104-196)	-5,000					+ 5,000
Military construction, Army National Guard	148,803	16,045	135,129	226,734	227,456	+ 78,653
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	2,500					-2,500
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		41,357				
Total	151,303	57,402	135,129	226,734	227,456	+ 76,153
Military construction, Air National Guard	169,801	21,319	180,870	238,545	263,724	+93,923
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	15,900					-15,900
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		51,981				
Total	185,701	73,300	180,870	238,545	263,724	+ 78,023
Military construction, Army Reserve	102,119	23,120	92,515	105,817	111,340	+9,221
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		54,506				
Total	102,119	77,626	92,515	105,817	111,340	+9,221
Military construction, Naval Reserve.....	31,621	4,933	21,574	31,475	28,457	-3,164
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		10,020				
Total	31,621	14,953	21,574	31,475	28,457	-3,164
Military construction, Air Force Reserve	34,371	12,155	66,549	35,864	64,404	+ 30,033
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		15,165				
Total	34,371	27,320	66,549	35,864	64,404	+ 30,033
Total, Reserve components.....	505,115	250,801	496,637	638,435	695,381	+ 190,266
Military construction transfer fund (emergency appropriations) (P.L. 106-31) ..	475,000					-475,000
Total, Military construction	3,760,417	3,478,989	4,196,989	4,145,140	4,009,798	+249,381
Appropriations	(3,118,957)	(1,425,845)	(4,196,989)	(4,145,140)	(4,009,798)	(+ 890,841)
Rescissions	(-5,000)					(+ 5,000)
Emergency appropriations	(646,460)					(-646,460)
Advance appropriations.....		(2,053,144)				
NATO Security Investment Program	155,000	191,000	81,000	100,000	81,000	-74,000
Revised economic assumptions.....	-1,000					+ 1,000
Total, NATO.....	154,000	191,000	81,000	100,000	81,000	-73,000
Family housing, Army:						
New construction	107,100	4,400	49,500	24,000	41,000	-66,100
Construction improvements	48,479	5,303	35,400	32,600	35,400	-13,079
Planning and design	6,350	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	-2,050
General reduction	-2,639					+2,639
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		43,991				
Subtotal, construction	159,290	57,994	89,200	60,900	80,700	-78,590
Operation and maintenance	1,087,697	1,098,080	1,089,812	1,098,080	1,086,312	-1,385
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	5,200					-5,200
Total, Family housing, Army.....	1,252,187	1,156,074	1,179,012	1,158,980	1,167,012	-85,175

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 2465) — continued**(Amounts in thousands)**

	FY 1999 Enacted	FY 2000 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs. enacted
Family housing, Navy and Marine Corps:						
New construction	58,504	15,182	118,174	115,589	134,674	+ 76,170
Construction improvements	227,791	31,708	176,670	165,050	189,682	-38,109
Planning and design	15,618	17,715	17,715	17,715	17,715	+2,097
General reduction and revised economic assumptions	-7,323				-1,000	+8,323
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		171,167				
Subtotal, construction	294,590	235,772	312,559	298,354	341,071	+ 46,481
Operation and maintenance	910,293	895,070	895,070	895,070	891,470	-18,823
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	10,599					-10,599
Total, Family housing, Navy	1,215,482	1,130,842	1,207,629	1,193,424	1,232,541	+ 17,059
Family housing, Air Force:						
New construction	175,099	50,418	203,411	187,611	203,411	+ 28,312
Construction improvements	104,108	34,280	124,492	129,952	129,952	+ 25,844
Planning and design	11,342	17,093	17,093	17,471	17,093	+5,751
General reduction and revised economic assumptions	-10,584				-1,000	+9,584
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		215,222				
Subtotal, construction	279,965	317,013	344,996	335,034	349,456	+ 69,491
Operation and maintenance	780,204	821,892	821,892	821,892	818,392	+ 38,188
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-277)	22,233					-22,233
Total, Family housing, Air Force	1,082,402	1,138,905	1,166,888	1,156,926	1,167,848	+ 85,446
Family housing, Defense-wide:						
Construction improvements	345	50	50	50	50	-295
Operation and maintenance	36,899	41,440	41,440	41,440	41,440	+ 4,541
Total, Family housing, Defense-wide	37,244	41,490	41,490	41,490	41,490	+ 4,246
Family housing revitalization				25,000		
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	2,000	78,756	2,000	25,000	2,000	
Total, Family housing	3,589,315	3,546,067	3,597,019	3,600,820	3,610,891	+ 21,576
New construction	(340,703)	(70,000)	(371,085)	(327,200)	(379,085)	(+ 38,382)
Construction improvements	(380,723)	(71,341)	(336,612)	(327,652)	(355,084)	(-25,639)
Planning and design	(33,310)	(39,108)	(39,108)	(39,486)	(39,108)	(+ 5,798)
General reduction	(-20,548)				(-2,000)	(+ 18,548)
Operation and maintenance	(2,815,093)	(2,856,482)	(2,848,214)	(2,856,482)	(2,837,614)	(+ 22,521)
Family Housing Improvement Fund	(2,000)	(78,756)	(2,000)	(25,000)	(2,000)	
Emergency appropriations	(38,032)					(-38,032)
Advance appropriations		(430,380)				
Base realignment and closure accounts:						
Part III	427,164					-427,164
Part IV	1,197,338	705,911	705,911	705,911	672,311	-525,027
Advance appropriations, FY 2001		577,306				
Total, Base realignment and closure accounts	1,624,502	1,283,217	705,911	705,911	672,311	-952,191
General Provisions						
Family housing, Navy and Marine Corps (FY99 Sec. 125)	6,000					-6,000
Contingency reduction (sec. 125)			-131,177	-278,051		
Grand total:						
New budget (obligational) authority	9,134,234	8,499,273	8,449,742	8,273,820	8,374,000	-780,234
Appropriations	(8,454,742)	(5,438,443)	(8,449,742)	(8,273,820)	(8,374,000)	(-80,742)
Rescissions	(-5,000)					(+ 5,000)
Emergency appropriations	(684,492)					(-684,492)
Advance appropriations		(3,060,830)				

I urge my colleagues to support this conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As I think all of the Members understand, the military construction appropriations bill serving as a guardian of the quality of life of men and women who serve in America's military. Both the Chairman and I would have preferred to do more. We have a serious backlog with respect to the quality of life facilities barracks, housing, and other things that come under our jurisdiction. Yet, we find ourselves ultimately in this bill, \$76 million, as the Chairman has already said, below last year's funding level. That funding level has allowed us to address only the most pressing workplace and housing needs that we can see. Yet, that has been done, I think, in a very effective manner, given the constraints.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON), the chairman of the subcommittee, for his fair-minded and outstanding leadership in putting this bill together at all stages along the way. All of the members of the subcommittee, along with the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of the full committee, and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY), the ranking member of the full committee, as well as all of the members of the subcommittee, have taken an active role from day 1 in the construction of this legislation as it made its way to where we are today.

Of course, we all realize that the staff puts in enormously long hours and hard work, and I especially want to thank the clerk of the subcommittee, Liz Dawson and her staff, Brian Potts and Cindi Britten for their work, as well as thanking Tom Forhan, the staff member for the minority.

This is a solid bipartisan agreement that deserves the support of all Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report.

Mr. Speaker, this Member rises to thank the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON), Chairman of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, and the other members of the conference committee for including funding for a new Army Reserve Center in Lincoln, Nebraska in the Military Construction conference report.

The Army Reserve in Lincoln, Nebraska, currently leases a building assigned to the Agriculture Campus of the University of Nebraska

in Lincoln. The University's plans for expanding its classroom space are being hindered by the Army Reserve's occupancy. Of late, the desire of the University to reclaim the facility has become more pressing. The Nebraska Army Reserve needs to construct a new building to serve as its Center.

The Nebraska Army Reserve has identified an alternative to the current situation, but it lacks the funding needed to get it out of the starting blocks. Therefore, \$1.3 million is needed to proceed with land acquisition and to develop preliminary design specifications. This Member is pleased that the Nebraska Army Reserve's request for "seed money" in the amount of \$1.3 million to fund the planning and acquisition of land for this relocated Center is included in the conference agreement.

Our colleges and universities have enough challenges. Forcing them to delay, or work around, improvements to and expansion of their programs should not be unnecessarily adding to those challenges. We ask our military personnel to make enough sacrifices. Depriving them of modern, badly needed facilities should not be one of them.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, this Member thanks the Subcommittee for these much needed funds and urges his colleagues to support the conference report.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my strong support for passage of H.R. 2465, the Fiscal Year 2000 Military Construction Appropriations Act Conference Report.

This \$8.4 billion measure recognizes the needs of our military infrastructure, continues our efforts at base closure and realignment, and most importantly puts military families first. One of the much needed items in this bill to improve the quality of life for our people in uniform is the \$10.952 million appropriation for the construction of the Marseilles National Guard Training Facility in my Congressional District.

The Marseilles complex has been requested by the Illinois Department of Military Affairs and the Pentagon since 1994. Not until this year did the President recognize the need for this facility and I am pleased that President Clinton included funding for this project in his FY 2000 budget. This facility would be the first permanent training complex for the National Guard in the State of Illinois, serving all of the 10,245 members of the Guard in Illinois. Currently, members of the Illinois National Guard are forced to travel to bases in Wisconsin and Kentucky some as far as 350 miles away to conduct routine maneuvers. As you can imagine, this places a severe stress on the scope and timing of military operations, and even greater stress on the members of the Guard and their families.

Marseilles site is easily accessible from Interstate 80 and it is in close proximity to Interstates 39 & 55, Chicago, Joliet, and Springfield. The Marseilles site is currently used by the Guard for small training exercises that are conducted out of tents and military vehicles with restrooms facilities consisting of portable toilets that are of an unacceptable condition for these troops. The proposed complex in Marseilles would reduce travel time to and from training for most Illinois Guard members and would include barracks and dining facilities that would help to boost morale and retention within the ranks. The immediate construction of the Marseilles complex would provide the multiple benefits of substantially help-

ing local business, spurring development in the undeveloped area south of the Illinois River, while providing a convenient training site that will help to ensure troop readiness and an acceptable quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deep appreciation to Chairman HOBSON of the Military Construction Subcommittee, and on behalf of the residents and small business owners of Marseilles and the over 10,000 members of the Illinois National Guard I say thank you for helping to get this important project underway.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the conference report.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 8, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 343]

YEAS—412

Abercrombie	Chabot	Foley
Ackerman	Chambliss	Forbes
Aderholt	Chenoweth	Ford
Allen	Clay	Fossella
Andrews	Clayton	Fowler
Archer	Clement	Frank (MA)
Armey	Clyburn	Franks (NJ)
Bachus	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Baird	Coburn	Frost
Baker	Collins	Gallegly
Baldacci	Combest	Ganske
Baldwin	Condit	Gejdenson
Ballenger	Conyers	Gekas
Barcia	Cook	Gephardt
Barr	Cooksey	Gibbons
Barrett (NE)	Costello	Gilchrest
Bartlett	Cox	Gillmor
Barton	Coyne	Gilman
Bass	Cramer	Gonzalez
Bateman	Crane	Goode
Bentsen	Crowley	Goodlatte
Bereuter	Cummings	Goodling
Berkley	Cunningham	Gordon
Berman	Danner	Goss
Berry	Davis (FL)	Graham
Biggert	Davis (IL)	Granger
Bilbray	Davis (VA)	Green (TX)
Bilirakis	Deal	Green (WI)
Bishop	DeFazio	Greenwood
Blagojevich	DeGette	Gutierrez
Bliley	Delahunt	Gutknecht
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Hall (OH)
Blunt	DeLay	Hall (TX)
Boehrlert	DeMint	Hansen
Boehner	Deutsch	Hastings (FL)
Bonilla	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (WA)
Bonior	Dicks	Hayes
Bono	Dingell	Hayworth
Borski	Dixon	Herger
Boswell	Doggett	Hill (IN)
Boucher	Dooley	Hill (MT)
Boyd	Doolittle	Hilleary
Brady (PA)	Doyle	Hilliard
Brady (TX)	Dreier	Hinchey
Brown (FL)	Duncan	Hinojosa
Brown (OH)	Dunn	Hobson
Bryant	Edwards	Hoefel
Burr	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Burton	Ehrlich	Holden
Buyer	Emerson	Holt
Callahan	Engel	Hooley
Calvert	English	Horn
Camp	Eshoo	Hostettler
Campbell	Etheridge	Houghton
Canady	Evans	Hoyer
Cannon	Everett	Hulshof
Capps	Ewing	Hunter
Capuano	Farr	Hutchinson
Cardin	Fattah	Hyde
Carson	Filner	Inlee
Castle	Fletcher	Isakson

Istook	Maloney (CT)	Oliver	Sanchez	Spence	Udall (CO)
Jackson (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Ortiz	Sanders	Spratt	Udall (NM)
Jackson-Lee	Manzullo	Ose	Sandlin	Stabenow	Upton
(TX)	Markey	Owens	Sanford	Stearns	Velazquez
Jefferson	Martinez	Oxley	Sawyer	Stenholm	Vento
Jenkins	Mascara	Packard	Saxton	Strickland	Visclosky
John	Matsui	Pallone	Scarborough	Stump	Vitter
Johnson (CT)	McCarthy (MO)	Pascarell	Schaffer	Stupak	Walden
Johnson, E. B.	McCarthy (NY)	Pastor	Schakowsky	Sununu	Walsh
Johnson, Sam	McCollum	Payne	Scott	Sweeney	Wamp
Jones (NC)	McCrery	Pease	Serrano	Talent	Waters
Kanjorski	McGovern	Pelosi	Sessions	Tancredo	Watkins
Kaptur	McHugh	Peterson (MN)	Shadegg	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Kasich	McInnis	Petri	Shaw	Tauscher	Watts (OK)
Kelly	McIntosh	Phelps	Shays	Tauzin	Waxman
Kennedy	McIntyre	Pickering	Sherman	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Kildee	McKeon	Pickett	Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Kilpatrick	McKinney	Pitts	Shows	Terry	Weller
Kind (WI)	McNulty	Pombo	Shuster	Thomas	Wexler
King (NY)	Meehan	Pomeroy	Simpson	Thompson (MS)	Weygand
Kingston	Meek (FL)	Porter	Sisisky	Thornberry	Whitfield
Klink	Meeks (NY)	Portman	Skeens	Thune	Wilson
Knollenberg	Menendez	Price (NC)	Slaughter	Thurman	Wise
Kolbe	Metcalfe	Pryce (OH)	Smith (MI)	Tiahrt	Wolf
Kucinich	Mica	Quinn	Smith (NJ)	Tierney	Woolsey
Kuykendall	Millender-	Radanovich	Smith (TX)	Toomey	Wu
LaFalce	McDonald	Rahall	Smith (WA)	Towns	Wynn
LaHood	Miller (FL)	Ramstad	Snyder	Traffican	Young (AK)
Lampson	Miller, Gary	Rangel	Souder	Turner	Young (FL)
Lantos	Miller, George	Regula			
Largent	Minge	Reyes			
Larson	Mink	Reynolds	Barrett (WI)	Norwood	Stark
Latham	Moakley	Riley	Hefley	Paul	Thompson (CA)
LaTourette	Mollohan	Rivers	Klecza	Sensenbrenner	
Lazio	Moore	Rodriguez			
Leach	Moran (KS)	Romer			
Lee	Moran (VA)	Rogan			
Levin	Morella	Rogers	Becerra	McDermott	Skelton
Lewis (CA)	Murtha	Rohrabacher	Cubin	Neal	Weiner
Lewis (GA)	Myrick	Ros-Lehtinen	Dickey	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Lewis (KY)	Nadler	Rothman	Jones (OH)	Sabo	
Linder	Napolitano	Roukema	Lipinski	Sherwood	
LoBiondo	Nethercutt	Roybal-Allard			
Lofgren	Ney	Royce			
Lowey	Northup	Rush			
Lucas (KY)	Nussle	Ryan (WI)			
Lucas (OK)	Oberstar	Ryun (KS)			
Luther	Obey	Salmon			

Ms. LOFGREN and Ms. MCKINNEY changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today, I was unavoidably detained during a rollcall vote: No. 343, on agreeing to the conference report for H.R. 2465, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, FY 2000. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye."

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 2587), making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUSSLE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

NAYS—8

Barrett (WI)	Norwood	Stark
Hefley	Paul	Thompson (CA)
Klecza	Sensenbrenner	

NOT VOTING—13

Becerra	McDermott	Skelton
Cubin	Neal	Weiner
Dickey	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Jones (OH)	Sabo	
Lipinski	Sherwood	

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Messrs. SENSENBRENNER, KLECZKA and BARRETT of Wisconsin changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SKELTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and July 30 on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HAYWORTH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, July 30.
Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ISAKSON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCHAFFER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, August 2.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 305. An act to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional

boxing industry; to the Committee on Commerce; in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 918. An act to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 66. An act to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his ap-

proval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 66. An act to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Friday, July 30, 1999, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3254. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Chicago Board of Trade Petition for Exemption From the Statutory Dual Trading Prohibition in the Ten-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures Contract Traded on the Project A Electronic Trading System—received June 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3255. A letter from the Acquisition and Technology, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Selected Acquisition Reports (SARS) for the quarter ending June 30, 1999, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3256. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Navy, transmitting a schedule for implementing best commercial inventory practices for the acquisition and distribution of secondary supply items managed by the department; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3257. A letter from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting the four issues of the Quarterly Journal that comprise the 1998 annual report; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3258. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Branch Closings [Docket No. 99-33] received June 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3259. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities (RIN: 1820-AB40) received June 21, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3260. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting an Assessment; to the Committee on Commerce.

3261. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Lead; Requirements for Disclosure of Known Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint hazards in Housing, Technical Correction to Reflect OMB Approval of the Information Collection Requirements [OPPTS-62130B; FRL-6053-9] received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3262. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3263. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination and justification regarding the United Nations Assistance Mission to East Timor; to the Committee on International Relations.

3264. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-94, "Comprehensive Plan Technical Corrections and Response to NCPC Recommendations and Closing of a Public Alley in Square 1189, S.O. 98-150, Act of 1999" received June 29, 1999, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3265. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Annual Accountability Report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3266. A letter from the Chairperson, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the eighth annual report of the Cost Accounting Standards Board; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3267. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the 1998 management reports of the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) and the Fi-

nancing Corporation (FICO), pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3268. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the 1998 Annual Report indicating compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3269. A letter from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled, "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for the Period 10/01/93 Through 06/30/98"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3270. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting notification that the President has submitted a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3271. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, the Department of State, transmitting Presidential Determination 99-26, stating that the further extension of the waiver authority granted by section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act, and continuation of the waiver applicable to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act; (H. Doc. No. 106-105); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

3272. A letter from the Secretary of Education, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report on the progress of developing and implementing procedures for cancellations and deferments of federal student loans for eligible disabled veterans; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Veterans' Affairs.

3273. A letter from the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report entitled, "Status of NHTSA Plan for Side Impact Regulation Harmonization and Upgrade"; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

3274. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Certification that shrimp harvested with technology that may adversely affect certain species of sea turtles may not be imported into the United States unless the President makes specific certifications to the Congress annually by May 1, pursuant to Public Law 101-162, section 609(b)(2) (103 Stat. 1038); jointly to the Committees on Resources and Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 456. A bill for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters over Iraq; with amendments (Rept. 106-270). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2454. A bill to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese; with an amend-

ment (Rept. 106-271). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 987. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics (Rept. 106-272). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 717. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-273 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 266. Resolution providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31, 1999 (Rept. 106-274). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration of H.R. 717.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 717. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than July 29, 1999.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TAUZIN:

H.R. 2630. A bill to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself,

Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WYNN, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. LANTOS):

H.R. 2631. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to modify employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to the percentages in effect before the statutory temporary increase in calendar year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. RILEY:

H.R. 2632. A bill to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORN (for himself, Mrs.

MORELLA, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. DANER, Mr. OSE, Mr. REYES, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. GARY MILLER of California):

H.R. 2633. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seeking to commit a crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. COX, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. COBLE):

H.R. 2634. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. OWENS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DREIER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. FILNER, Mr. STUMP, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FARR of California, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina):

H.R. 2635. A bill to allow patients access to drugs and medical devices recommended and provided by health care practitioners that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. EHRLICH, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MICA, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. COBLE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LINDER, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. DUNN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HILLEARY, Mrs. BONO, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. FLETCHER):

H.R. 2636. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for Congressional review of rules establishing or increasing taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 2637. A bill to protect consumer and community choice in access to Internet providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. DANER, Mr. SKELTON, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. TALENT, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, and Mr. HULSHOF):

H.R. 2638. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from taking land into trust for Indian tribes for gaming purposes under certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BONILLA (for himself, Mr. BOYD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. LINDER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SKEEN, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 2639. A bill to establish peer review for the review of standards promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CAMP:

H.R. 2640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that long-term vehicle storage by tax-exempt organizations which conduct county and similar fairs shall not be treated as an unrelated trade or business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CUBIN (for herself and Mr. LARGENT):

H.R. 2641. A bill to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey:

H.R. 2642. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in acts of genocide and torture abroad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Washington:

H.R. 2643. A bill to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to provide for appropriate study and repatriation of remains for which a cultural affiliation is not readily ascertainable; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HINCHEY (for himself, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 2644. A bill to prohibit Federal, State, and local agencies and private entities from transferring, selling, or disclosing personal data with respect to an individual to other agencies or entities without the express consent of the individual except in limited circumstances, and to require such agencies and entities to provide individuals with personal data maintained with respect to such individuals; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 2645. A bill to provide for the restructuring of the electric power industry; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York:

H.R. 2646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide common sense tax relief for families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHADEGG:

H.R. 2647. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the

Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHAW:

H.R. 2648. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the rules for treatment of international travel merchandise and bonded warehouses and staging areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 2649. A bill to reduce Federal spending in several programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, Science, Commerce, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2650. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve and streamline the physician self-referral law; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. RAMSTAD):

H.R. 2651. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the restrictions on physician self-referral; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIERNEY:

H.R. 2652. A bill to increase monitoring of the use of offsets in international defense trade; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MICA (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution expressing United States policy toward the Slovak Republic; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. COOK):

H. Con. Res. 166. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should adopt a "One China, One Taiwan Policy" which reflects the present day reality that Taiwan and China are two separate nations; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. NORTON (for herself, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, and Mr. WISE):

H. Con. Res. 167. Concurrent resolution authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may by necessity for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BEREUTER,

Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SAWYER, and Mr. WEXLER);

H. Res. 265. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should actively encourage holders of Jordanian debt to provide debt relief in order to strengthen the economy of Jordan; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H. Res. 267. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to Shuttle Mission STS-93, commanded by Colonel Eileen COLLINS, the first female space shuttle commander; to the Committee on Science.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. WU introduced a bill (H.R. 2653) to exempt certain entries of titanium disks from anti-dumping duties retroactively applied by the United States Customs Service; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 19: Mrs. BIGGERT and Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 36: Mr. WEXLER and Mr. MARKEY.
H.R. 44: Mr. KLINK and Mr. BASS.
H.R. 65: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 135: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 170: Mr. GORDON, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 175: Mr. MORAN of Virginia and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.
H.R. 269: Mr. HINCHEY.
H.R. 274: Mrs. JONES of Ohio.
H.R. 303: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. KLINK, and Mr. LATOURETTE.
H.R. 306: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. HOLT.
H.R. 323: Mrs. BIGGERT.
H.R. 332: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 338: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 346: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 354: Mr. MCINNIS.
H.R. 360: Ms. LEE.
H.R. 405: Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. PALLONE.
H.R. 431: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 486: Mr. REGULA, Mrs. WILSON, and Mr. SAWYER.
H.R. 488: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. ROTHMAN.
H.R. 561: Mrs. ROUKEMA.
H.R. 611: Mr. PHELPS.
H.R. 623: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.
H.R. 637: Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 664: Mr. CROWLEY.
H.R. 708: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 721: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. THUNE.
H.R. 736: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 750: Mr. WALDEN of Oregon and Mr. LANTOS.
H.R. 773: Mr. BOEHLERT.
H.R. 780: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 784: Mr. KLINK and Mr. MOAKLEY.
H.R. 798: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
H.R. 804: Ms. RIVERS.
H.R. 810: Mr. COSTELLO.
H.R. 815: Mr. TIAHRT.
H.R. 835: Ms. SLAUGHTER.
H.R. 842: Mr. DOOLITTLE.
H.R. 844: Mr. LARSON.

H.R. 845: Mr. SNYDER.
H.R. 859: Mr. MCINNIS.
H.R. 860: Mr. GOODE.
H.R. 868: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 878: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 925: Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. GEJDENSON.
H.R. 952: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut and Mr. SHAYS.
H.R. 984: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 1003: Mr. PITTS and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi.
H.R. 1041: Mr. MILLER of Florida and Mr. MCINNIS.
H.R. 1055: Mr. SWEENEY.
H.R. 1071: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1079: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 1080: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 1083: Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 1111: Mr. KIND.
H.R. 1140: Mr. STARK, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. FARR of California.
H.R. 1168: Mrs. THURMAN.
H.R. 1172: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. WOLF, Mr. MOORE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. WHITFIELD, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. CLEMENT, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. NEY.
H.R. 1180: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mrs. TAUSCHER.
H.R. 1190: Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
H.R. 1194: Mr. EVANS, Mr. TANCREDO, and Ms. MCKINNEY.
H.R. 1219: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1221: Mr. STUPAK.
H.R. 122: Mr. STUPAK.
H.R. 1238: Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. MARKEY.
H.R. 1244: Mr. TALENT, Mr. PEASE, and Mr. GARRY MILLER of California.
H.R. 1260: Mr. PICKERING and Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 1271: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.
H.R. 1272: Mr. HAYES.
H.R. 1275: Mrs. NORTUP, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 1278: Mr. EVANS and Mr. HILL of Indiana.
H.R. 1283: Mrs. NORTUP, Mrs. BONO, and Mr. HERGER.
H.R. 1286: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1303: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. PAUL.
H.R. 1337: Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. MCINNIS.
H.R. 1334: Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. MINGE.
H.R. 1356: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.
H.R. 1358: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.
H.R. 1363: Mr. PETRI.
H.R. 1366: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 1433: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 1454: Mr. WU.
H.R. 1456: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. WISE, and Ms. BERKLEY.
H.R. 1476: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1497: Mr. CAPUANO.
H.R. 1505: Mr. CAPUANO and Mr. LIPINSKI.
H.R. 1518: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. GONZALEZ.
H.R. 1525: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1598: Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. RILEY.
H.R. 1603: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1620: Mr. UPTON.
H.R. 1621: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
H.R. 1622: Mr. ALLEN and Mr. ROTHMAN.
H.R. 1649: Mr. SHAYS.
H.R. 1660: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. WISE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1671: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.
H.R. 1697: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO and Mr. PAUL.
H.R. 1706: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 1707: Mr. BARCIA.
H.R. 1746: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.
H.R. 1747: Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 1760: Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. KING, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. HOLDEN.
H.R. 1764: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1777: Mr. OLVER.
H.R. 1788: Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. GILMAN.
H.R. 1791: Mr. METCALF, Mr. KOLBE, and Mr. COOK.
H.R. 1838: Mr. RADANOVICH and Mr. BARR of Georgia.
H.R. 1841: Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. CUMMINGS.
H.R. 1885: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HILLIARD, and Mr. SANDLIN.
H.R. 1887: Mr. HYDE, Mr. COOK, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
H.R. 1890: Mr. DEFazio.
H.R. 1899: Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 1907: Mr. CASTLE and Mr. MASCARA.
H.R. 1918: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
H.R. 1926: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. DICKEY.
H.R. 1932: Mr. COOKSEY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, and Mr. HANSEN.
H.R. 1933: Mr. COMBEST.
H.R. 1935: Mr. LOBIONDO and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 1958: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1967: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.
H.R. 1977: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.
H.R. 1987: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, and Mr. FLETCHER.
H.R. 1993: Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 1997: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. WISE, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. TRAFICANT.
H.R. 1998: Mrs. MORELLA.
H.R. 2000: Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. KING, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MOORE, and Mr. WOLF.
H.R. 2010: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
H.R. 2028: Mr. BARCIA.
H.R. 2030: Mr. COOK, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.
H.R. 2106: Mr. MANZULLO.
H.R. 2124: Mr. HAYES.
H.R. 2136: Mr. MCCRERY.
H.R. 2170: Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mrs. BONO, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. SABO.
H.R. 2202: Mr. WEYGAND and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.
H.R. 2221: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. COMBEST.
H.R. 2236: Mr. McNULTY.
H.R. 2240: Mr. KIND, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
H.R. 2241: Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. SHAW, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HILLIARD, Mrs. EMERSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. DICKS.
H.R. 2244: Mr. STUMP.
H.R. 2245: Mr. GOODE, Ms. DANNER, and Mrs. MYRICK.
H.R. 2246: Mr. WHITFIELD.

H.R. 2247: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.
 H.R. 2260: Mr. COOK and Mr. CALLAHAN.
 H.R. 2265: Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. HOLDEN.
 H.R. 2288: Mr. WEXLER.
 H.R. 2300: Mr. LARGENT and Mr. TIAHRT.
 H.R. 2303: Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. COOK, Mr. WISE, Ms. CARSON, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CONNIT, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. ENGEL.
 H.R. 2319: Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. GIBBONS.
 H.R. 2337: Mr. MORAN of Kansas and Mr. BARCIA.
 H.R. 2356: Mr. FOLEY, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey.
 H.R. 2364: Mr. ISTOOK.
 H.R. 2367: Mr. WOLF.
 H.R. 2373: Mr. MANZULLO.
 H.R. 2384: Mr. REYES.
 H.R. 2420: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. GILCHREST.
 H.R. 2436: Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. GOODLATTE.
 H.R. 2439: Mr. BALDACCI.
 H.R. 2444: Mr. DINGELL.
 H.R. 2446: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WEINER, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. OWENS.
 H.R. 2457: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. HOLT.
 H.R. 2463: Mr. PICKERING, Mr. RAHALL, and Mr. BALDACCI.
 H.R. 2491: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. GOODE.
 H.R. 2493: Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. THURMAN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
 H.R. 2498: Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WU, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. QUINN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 2503: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. LANTOS.
 H.R. 2512: Mr. BECERRA.
 H.R. 2528: Mr. COX, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HORN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. WICKER.
 H.R. 2534: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE, Mr. HOLT, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 2543: Mr. FILNER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. HAYES.
 H.R. 2548: Mr. RAHALL.
 H.R. 2560: Mrs. MYRICK.
 H.R. 2584: Mr. HORN, Mr. BILBRAY, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
 H.R. 2586: Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.
 H.R. 2592: Mr. OBERSTAR.
 H.R. 2593: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
 H.R. 2595: Mr. KILDEE and Mrs. THURMAN.
 H.R. 2612: Mr. KLINK and Mr. DUNCAN.
 H.R. 2618: Mr. EVANS, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.
 H.J. Res. 41: Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.
 H.J. Res. 48: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. WEYGAND.
 H.J. Res. 55: Mr. MORAN of Kansas.
 H. Con. Res. 34: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. COYNE.
 H. Con. Res. 78: Mr. ENGEL.
 H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr.

KLECZKA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. WEYGAND, and Ms. ESHOO.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ENGLISH, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MASCARA.

H. Con. Res. 111: Mrs. LOWEY.

H. Con. Res. 134: Mr. MURTHA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. COOK, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. MCHUGH.

H. Con. Res. 139: Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. LEE, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. MATSUI.

H. Con. Res. 147: Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. HINCHEY.

H. Con. Res. 152: Mr. WYNN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, and Mr. BORSKI.

H. Con. Res. 159: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Ms. RIVERS.

H. Res. 16: Mr. DUNCAN.

H. Res. 205: Mr. WHITFIELD and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H. Res. 251: Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. WYNN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. WEXLER.

H. Res. 264: Mr. MINGE, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. KASICH.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

40. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, relative to Resolution No. 202 petitioning the Congress to support H.R. 1833 and S. 219 and the addition of 125 US Customs cargo inspectors, 40 US special agents, and 10 US intelligence agents and \$26,582,000 for equipment ill tile bill currently being discussed in the conference committee; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. —

OFFERED BY MR. KUCINICH

(Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations, 2000)

AMENDMENT NO. 1 At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following:

TITLE VIII—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 801. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for the filing of a complaint, or any motion seeking declaratory or injunctive relief pursuant thereto, in any legal action brought under section 102(b)(2) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3312(b)(2)) or section 102(b)(2) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3512(b)(2)).

H.R. 2587

OFFERED BY: MR. ISTOOK

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Page 65, insert after line 24 the following:

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

SEC. 167. (a) PERMITTING COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY TO

CARRY OUT SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.—Section 11233(c) of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (DC Code, sec. 24-1233(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.—The Agency shall carry out sex offender registration functions in the District of Columbia, and shall have the authority to exercise all powers and functions relating to sex offender registration that are granted to the Agency under any District of Columbia law.”.

(b) AUTHORITY DURING TRANSITION TO FULL OPERATION OF AGENCY.—

(1) AUTHORITY OF PRETRIAL SERVICES, PAROLE, ADULT PROBATION AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION TRUSTEE.—Notwithstanding section 11232(b)(1) of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (DC Code, sec. 24-1232(b)(1)), the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Probation and Offender Supervision Trustee appointed under section 11232(a) of such Act (hereafter referred to as the “Trustee”) shall, in accordance with section 11232 of such Act, exercise the powers and functions of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as the “Agency”) relating to sex offender registration (as granted to the Agency under any District of Columbia law) only upon the Trustee’s certification that the Trustee is able to assume such powers and functions.

(2) AUTHORITY OF METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.—During the period that begins on the date of the enactment of the Sex Offender Registration Emergency Act of 1999 and ends on the date the Trustee makes the certification described in paragraph (1), the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia shall have the authority to carry out any powers and functions relating to sex offender registration that are granted to the Agency or to the Trustee under any District of Columbia law.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. ANDREWS

AMENDMENT NO. 12: Page 116, after line 5, insert the following:

PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FOR NEW OPIC PROJECTS

SEC. 585. None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be used by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation except to fulfill obligations, guarantees, and agreements existing before the enactment of this Act.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. BROWN OF OHIO

AMENDMENT NO. 13: Page 7, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

Page 27, line 6, after the first dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by \$5,000,000)”.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. BURTON OF INDIANA

AMENDMENT NO. 14: Page 116, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act in title II under the heading “DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE” may be made available to the Government of India.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. BURTON OF INDIANA

AMENDMENT NO. 15: Page 116, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act in title II under the heading “DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE”, not more than \$33,500,000 may be made available to the Government of India.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. BURTON OF INDIANA

AMENDMENT NO. 16. Page 116, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. ____ Funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act in title II under the heading "DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE" for India may only be made available through nongovernmental organizations.

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. CAMPBELL

AMENDMENT NO. 17. Page 15, line 7, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$30,000,000)".

Page 15, line 11, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$20,000,000)".

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. CAMPBELL

AMENDMENT NO. 18. Page 32, line 5, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$8,000,000)".

Page 33, line 16, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$8,000,000)".

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. CAMPBELL

AMENDMENT NO. 19. Page 33, line 16, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$8,000,000)".

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. GILMAN

AMENDMENT NO. 20. Page 32, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$8,000,000)".

H.R. 2606

OFFERED BY: MR. PAYNE

AMENDMENT NO. 21. Page 116, after line 5, insert the following:

ASSISTANCE FOR SUDAN

SEC. ____ (a) INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the funds appropriated by this Act in title II under the heading "INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE", not more than \$4,000,000 should be made available for rehabilitation and economic recovery in opposition-controlled areas of Sudan. Such amounts should be used for civil society, primary education, agriculture, and other locally-determined priorities.

(2) Amounts made available in accordance with this subsection should be provided by the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act in title II

under the heading "DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)", the President, acting through the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall increase substantially the amount of development assistance for capacity building, democracy promotion, civil administration, judiciary, and infrastructure support in opposition controlled areas of Sudan.

(c) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall provide humanitarian assistance, including food, directly to National Democratic Alliance (NDA) participants in Sudan and to nongovernmental organizations.

(2) Delivery mechanisms used to provide assistance under this paragraph shall be separate from humanitarian assistance operations to civilian populations either through Operation Lifeline Sudan in opposition-controlled areas of southern Sudan or through non-Operation Lifeline Sudan channels.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2000, the President shall prepare and transmit to the Congress a report on the progress made in carrying out this section.